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Medicaid Reform Passes the Florida Legislature

Tallahassee, Fla. – The Florida Legislature today passed comprehensive legislation to reform Florida’s Medicaid system, the bill now awaits the governor’s signature.

“On the opening day of the Legislative Session, I noted it was imperative that we take up a bill dealing with Medicaid, a Great Society federal entitlement program run amok that has become the single largest cost driver in our state’s budget,” said Speaker Dean Cannon (R-Winter Park). “And today, I am proud to say because of the leadership of Representative Schenck, as well as Senate President Haridopolos and Senator Negron, the Florida Legislature has passed transformational legislation that will reform our state’s broken Medicaid program.”

“I thank my colleagues in both the House and Senate for passing this critical legislation to reform our state’s Medicaid program today,” said Representative Robert Schenck (R-Spring Hill), chair of the House Health & Human Services Committee. “Medicaid is the single largest expenditure in our state’s budget, accounting for almost one-third of general revenue this year alone. With the implementation of Medicaid reform, we will end the pattern of recklessly spending taxpayer dollars on a system that fails to provide access to quality care to participants.”

“This legislation will ensure that moving forward, our Medicaid system offers long-term viability and controls costs, while ensuring access and the delivery of quality care to more than 2.5 million Floridians,” concluded Representative Schenck.

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